

5 **ABSTRACT**

The present invention provides a peripheral data entry device that comprises a housing including an interface adapted to couple to a digital device, a processor disposed in the housing and coupled to the interface via a serial interface, a data entry module, and a wireless modem disposed in the housing and adapted to wirelessly receive information from a data network, where the data entry module and the wireless modem are attachable to the processor via a serial interface. The processor is adapted to receive data entry module input via the data entry module, receive the wireless information via the wireless modem, multiplex the received data entry module input and the received wireless information, and transmit the multiplexed data entry module input and wireless information to the digital device via the interface.

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